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Bush nominates Marine

Gen. Pace could become chairman

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush nominated Gen. Peter Pace as the first Marine to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, April 25.

If confirmed by the Senate, Pace will succeed Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, when he steps down in September. Myers assumed the office as senior military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense and the National Security Council in October

2001.

The president also nominated Navy Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr. to serve as vice chairman. Giambastiani currently serves as the commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command and as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation. The admiral is based in Norfolk, Va.

Bush said that his most sacred duty is to protect the American people and that choosing the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is one of the most important decisions the commander in chief makes.

"The first thing America needs to know about Pete Pace is that he is a Marine," Bush said at the White House. "To the American people,

'Marine' is shorthand for 'can-do,' and I'm counting on Pete Pace to bring the Marine spirit to these new responsibilities."

Pace said the task ahead of him is exhilarating and humbling. "It's exhilarating because I have the opportunity ... to continue to serve this great nation," he said. "It's humbling because I know the challenges ahead are formidable, but I have great faith in our ability to meet those challenges."

Pace said the reason he has such confidence is "that we have the world's best young men and women serving in our armed forces. Active, guard, reserve, civilian — they simply deliver every time our nation calls."

Bush praised Myers for his work in preparing U.S. military forces for the threats of the new century.

"This is a huge task, even in peacetime," the president said. "Dick Myers did it while defending America from one of the most determined and vicious enemies we have ever faced."

Myers was on Capitol Hill when terrorists hit New York and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001. He sped back to the Pentagon and manned the National Military Command Center with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"On General Myers' watch, we toppled two brutal dictatorships in



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PACE

Welcome home 1/3



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Above — Cpl. Daniel Castillo, electronics technician, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, accepts a lei from a little girl upon returning to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, from a 7-month deployment to Iraq with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

Right — Marines exit the plane Tuesday as they return to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, from a 7-month deployment to Iraq. Approximately 440 Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, returned after fighting in the battle of Fallujah. See next week's *Hawaii Marine* for the full story.



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson



Photo Courtesy of The Boeing Company

Marines take notes during an Operation Homecoming writing workshop at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in February.

Marines learn how to put wartime experience on paper

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

A workshop, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, "Operation Homecoming: Writing for Wartime Experience," was conducted Friday, on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, at the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's Club.

The workshop is an NEA National Initiatives program, which encourages members of all branches of the military and their families to preserve their experiences of serving on the frontlines and stateside or supporting troops from home.

The program consists of four major components. The first of the four is a writing workshop, which is conducted by veteran

writers that include a variety of well-known novelists, poets, historians and journalists. Following is an audio CD that includes examples of wartime writings in the form of letters, poems and memoirs, some dating back to the Civil War. The third and fourth components, yet to be completed, are a creation of an anthology of wartime writing by troops and the creation of a unique historical archive of stories.

This program was organized by the NEA through memorandum of understanding with the Department of Defense and is made possible by the Boeing Company.

At Friday's workshop, Richard

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1st MAW CG tours base, talks with Marines

Thiessen expected to move on to Korea

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

There are many characteristics that make up a good leader in today's military. Some of these qualities consist of living up to your responsibilities and understanding your troops.

For Brig. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, commanding general, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan, those leadership qualities were shown at his recent visit to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Thiessen is expected to transfer to the Combined Force Command, Korea, in June after having served as commanding general since June 2004.

According to 1st Lt. Lauren G. Buonanno, Aide de Camp, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the general wanted to conduct briefings, have flight time, and walk through different areas of the K-Bay before his tour as commanding general is up.

"I don't really know how I feel about this change," said Thiessen. "But it really isn't a matter of feeling,"

Thiessen said that one of the main reasons for visiting K-Bay was to get feedback from Marines who have been to combat, and the troops were receptive to sharing their experiences with the general.

"The general, coming through, was good for Marines at K-Bay's morale," said Cpl. Cory A. Rogers, nuclear bio-

logical chemical specialists, Marine Air Group 24. "I think the troops here really appreciated this visit, especially the Marines who just returned from combat."

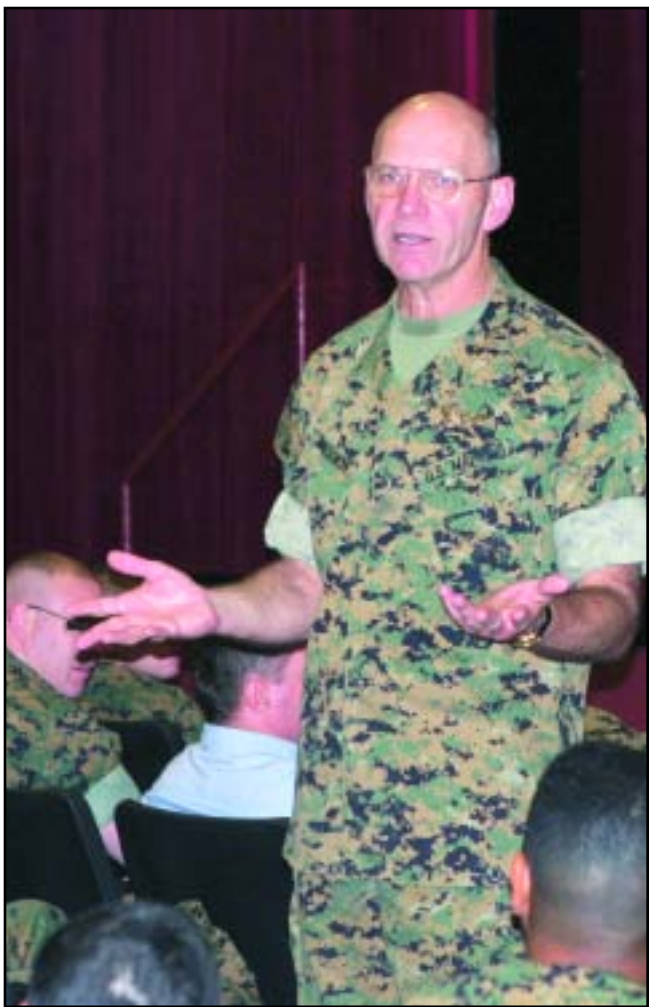
While at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Thiessen gave the first of a series of briefings to members of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Detachment in the conference room of the Bachelor Officer's Quarters. The general also conducted briefings at the Base Theatre to E-5s and below and also to senior non-commissioned officers and officers.

"I did the briefs because I like to talk to Marines as much as possible," admitted Thiessen.

A portion of the general's briefings included a discussion about the continuous threat of mishaps in the field.

"These Marines have challenges that include accidents. Every Marine just needs to exercise their leadership qualities everyday, and the accidents and incidents will be reduced."

A combat veteran himself, Thiessen explained that the best part of being the CG was working with troops in an



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

Brig. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, commanding general, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan, gives a brief to E-5s and below during his recent visit to the Base Theater at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

operational setting that involved aircraft.

"Marines and Sailors are good workers," said the CG. "They work hard at what they do and achieve."

The feedback Thiessen received from Marines will help with the changes that need to be made to improve the quality of life for those in combat zones. The feedback will also serve to show where the Marine Corps is going and what it is

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NEWS BRIEFS

State Alert to Sound Sunday

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Sunday at 11:45 a.m. The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of emergencies that pose or may pose a threat to life and property.

Headquarters Battalion Presents “Days of Remembrance”

On Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the events of the holocaust will be remembered at a luncheon at Anderson Dining Facility. It will be presented by Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, featuring holocaust survivor Jack Adler.

Water Outage will Affect Base

There will be a water outage aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on May 7, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., in order for workers to replace a portion of the main water line coming into base.

Water will be available for normal use; however, this water will be drawn from a limited supply from reservoirs. Therefore, on May 7, conserve and use water sparingly. Additionally, everyone must conserve and use water sparingly the day after the outage, in order to get the water level in the reservoirs back to normal.

In an effort to help conserve water, residents are requested to refrain from, but are not limited to: watering lawns, washing cars and filling pools.

It is also requested that tenants refrain from high water use activities which include, but are not limited to: watering the Klipper Golf Course, using aircraft rinse facilities, using vehicle wash racks, watering fields and fund-raising car washes.

3rd Marines to Hold Welcome Home and Reunion Ceremony

A “Welcome Home and Reunion Ceremony” will be held at Dewey Square for the returning servicemembers of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and Charlie Battery, 1/12. The ceremony will be held to recognize the accomplishments of each Marine, the sacrifices of their families and, especially, the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen Marines. The Welcome Home and Reunion Ceremony will be held on May 12 at 2 p.m. Families and members of the local community who have supported the units are invited to attend.

JEMS to Host Annual Job Fair

The annual MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Job Fair will be held May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Kahuna’s. The job fair is open to all active duty personnel, retirees, reservists, DoD and Coast Guard employees and their spouses and family members who have a valid identification card.

Bring a resumé and dress appropriately. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted. The Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s Marine and Family Services and the Joint Employment Management System jointly sponsor this event.

For more information, visit www.JEMS.Hawaii.com and click on Job Fair/Events from the side menu or contact Roberto Katekaru, at 257-7790.

Mentors Sought for DEFY Camp

Kaneohe Bay’s Drug Education For Youth camp needs mentors. DEFY, a Navy-founded program, gives children a place to go where they will not feel pressured into doing things that could get them into trouble. To volunteer to be a mentor, contact Daryl K. Picadura at 252-8552.

HI 5¢ Redemption Sites

Automated redemption machines will be stationed in the parking lot across from the Exchange Annex furniture/toy/garden store Tuesdays and Fridays, 12 to 5 p.m. Call 257-4300 for more information.

Read the Hawaii Marine Online

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Rumsfeld, Myers testify on military budget requests

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asked Congress Wednesday to approve the fiscal 2005 supplemental funding request quickly.

The \$81.9 billion request will fund the military through Sept. 30. The money will cover the cost of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, training Iraqi and Afghan troops, addressing the transformation of the Army and making good on repair and replacement of equipment strained by the increased tempo of operations.

Both Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers stressed the need for continued transformation of the military during testimony before the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Rumsfeld praised the sacrifices servicemembers and their families are making. He told the committee that it is “becoming increasingly clear that the sacrifices they are making are making a difference in bringing about a world that is freer and more peaceful, and that rejects terrorism.”

The secretary said the past year has seen historic elections in Afghanistan and Iraq, and that extremists in both countries are under mounting pressure.

Three years into the war on terrorism has made two things very clear, the secretary said. First is that the struggle will not be won by military strength alone. He said all

aspects of U.S. government power must be focused on the enemy. This includes long-range policies and programs aimed at alleviating the conditions that force young people to embrace extremism.

The second reality is that the U.S. cannot win this struggle alone. “No one nation can,” Rumsfeld said. “It will take cooperation among a great many countries to stop weapons proliferation, for example. It

takes nations working together to locate and dismantle extremist cells and stop future attacks.”

The secretary told the senators that 60 nations “are now engaged in unprecedented effort to address proliferation of dangerous weapons.

But even with the progress in the war on terror, the Defense Department must move ahead with transformation. Even before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Bush administration was moving to change the defense establishment, Rumsfeld said. “September eleventh added urgency and impetus to make the military more agile, more expeditionary and more lethal.”

The entire national security apparatus is making significant changes. The military is moving forces rapidly across the globe. It is functioning as a truly joint force. But it is also fighting a war. Rumsfeld said the military is still “adjusting to a world where the threat is not from a single superpower, but rather from various regimes and extremist cells that could work together to proliferate lethal capabilities.”

But while progress has been made, the U.S. military is still largely equipped to confront conventional forces, he said.

Myers told the senators that there are three major processes this year that will help inform decisions in the years ahead. The first is the Quadrennial Defense Review, due in September. “It will provide a comprehensive strategic plan for reforming the armed forces,” Myers said. “Second, the base realignment and closure process provides an excellent opportunity to further transform our warfighting capability and eliminate excess capacity.”

Third, the department’s global basing strategy transforms the U.S. Cold War footprint into one “that’s focused on combining the capabilities of U.S.-based rotational forces ... with strategically placed overseas based forces,” Myers noted.

Whatever the United States does will have a profound effect on friends and allies in the years ahead, Rumsfeld said. NATO allies are already following the U.S. lead in transformation and the capabilities of allies will be crucial to the country in the future, Myers said.

Myers and Rumsfeld agreed the fiscal 2006 defense budget request keeps faith with servicemembers serving around the world. And they deserve no less, said the chairman. “We are now in the fourth year of sustained combat operations, and all our soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and DoD civilians continue to perform superbly under extremely challenging conditions.”



Proper ID needed to get through gate

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Press Chief

Each day thousands of people come through the gates of MCB Hawaii, and, just like every other base in the Marine Corps, each individual must receive an identification card check by the Military Police Department gate guards in order to come aboard the base.

According to Base Regulation, Chapter 9, military personnel and family members must possess Uniformed Services Identification and privilege cards when entering and exiting the base. Civilians employed by the base or tenant commands must possess an identification card issued by a military command in the State of Hawaii. Identification cards must be shown upon the request of the MPs.

Reservists and National Guardsmen who possess a valid Armed Forces Identification Card may receive a visitor’s pass or appropriate DoD decal when coming on base. Such individuals will be granted liberal access to MCB Hawaii establishments.

Besides formerly mentioned personnel and exceptions such as official visitors, which can be civilian members of athletic teams and youth groups or perspective Marines who have been recruited but are not yet on active duty who are authorized passes by the Provost Marshal, all other individuals are classified as guests and require

proper identification and satisfactory sponsorship to come on base.

According to base regulations, the definition of a sponsor is an activity or individual, 16-years-old and older, that invites a civilian as a houseguest, visitor, employee, or engages in trade or agrees in contract with an individual civilian, commercial firm or its agents, business persons and salespersons.

Juveniles, under the age of 16, who reside on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, are not authorized to sponsor guests except through parental or guardian permission. That consent can be in writing, in person, or telephonically, to the pass house. Any persons sponsoring someone under the age of 16 must meet the individual at the pass house before entry to the installation can be granted.

All persons sponsored on base by a valid cardholder must also present a valid form of identification to an MP in order to enter the gate. If there is a problem with the ID, they may be required to go to the pass house to try to validate their entrance. If a person cannot provide a proper ID, they may not be



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Lance Cpl. Christopher Cherry, formerly a military police department Fleet Assistance Program Marine from Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, waves a person through the gate after checking their identification card.

allowed on base.

Although sponsors are not required to escort their guests everywhere on base, in order for the guests to visit the beaches located on Kaneohe Bay, they must have their sponsor present.

The failure to follow any of the guidelines for sponsorship and for escorting guests on base gives MPs authorization to take immediate action. That action can, at times, require the persons not complying with the rules, to leave the base.

Change of Command



LANDERS



McGOVERN

Patrol Squadron 47 will hold its change of command ceremony May 6 at 10 a.m. in Hangar 104, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Cmdr. James W. Landers, the squadron’s former executive officer, will relieve Cmdr. Thomas F. McGovern.

Important Phone Numbers MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

On-Base Emergencies

257-9111

Military Police

257-7114

Child Protective Service

832-5300

Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO

257-8852

Business Management Hotline

257-3188

Pothole & Streetlight Repair

257-2380

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Millie Perera
Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Sgt. Joe Lindsay
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Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — Mostly to partly cloudy skies

Night — Partly cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers

High — 81
Low — 72

Saturday



Day — Partly to mostly cloudy skies, isolated MTN showers

Night — Partly cloud skies; winds light and variable

High — 80
Low — 73

Sunday



Day — Mostly cloudy skies in the morning with intermittent rainshowers.

Night — Partly cloud skies; winds light and out of the north-northeast

High — 80
Low — 73

Bringing out the big guns

1/12 trains at Landing Zone Eagle

Story and Photos By
Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

Although no Marine from Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Regiment, has seen combat since Vietnam, the unit continues to train just as hard as if they were going to deploy at any time.

“We had a few Marines in combat zones during Desert Storm,” said Staff Sgt. Russell A. Sayles, weapons platoon sergeant, Bravo Battery, 1/12. “But we really haven’t seen combat since Vietnam.”

Marines in Bravo Battery, 1/12, performed training to better their time when setting up weapons by running continuous drills at Landing Zone Eagle on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on April 20. Once the weapons were set up, dry-fire exercises were simulated.

According to Sayles, these exercises are conducted once a month, and 1/12 just completed field-training exercises at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.

“This exercise we’re doing now is to bring the howitzers out in a timely manner,” said Sayles. “We also are going over duties of cannoneer and setting up the weapons.”

Sayles said he thinks these field-training exercises are very important to Marines in 1/12 and that the training will be beneficial to the Marines if they were to deploy.

“This training seems very effective,” agreed Pfc. Justin D. Ridgeway, cannoneer, Bravo Battery, 1/12. “We are constantly training, so I know we would be prepared if we ended up going to combat.”

Ridgeway said with all of the combat training 1/12 goes through, they only get to actually fire the weapons approximately four times a year.

“One of the best training exercises we can do is actual live fire with the weapons,” said Ridgeway. “The live fire is by far the most motivating training we do, and I just wish we did more of it.”

“I think the field training is good for us,” said Cpl. Tom R. Monahan, cannoneer, Bravo Battery, 1/12. “Training like we’re doing now is very good for knowledge.”

Monahan said that the live-fire and other field-training exercises 1/12 practice are better for strength building and are more closely related to real-life situations.

“We also do infantry-type training sometimes, when we’re not doing this type of training,” said Ridgeway. “If we do go to combat, I hope I go as a cannoneer.”

Sayles said that in mid-July, Marines from 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, will participate in a seven-month union deployment program in Japan. While in Japan, 1/12 Marines will conduct relocation drills and fire a variety of weapons from Mount Fuji.

“I think the field exercises in Japan are going to be really good for 1/12,” said Lance Cpl. Christopher Lammers, cannoneer, Bravo Battery, 1/12. “It’s more life-like than some of the training we do here. The time it takes to set-up the weapons is about the same time it would take in a real-life combat situation.”

Pfc. Justin D. Ridgeway, cannoneer with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, helps to set up a howitzer during a field-training exercise at Landing Zone Eagle on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, April 20.



Pfc. Justin D. Ridgeway, cannoneer with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, uses arm signals to help guide a 7-ton truck to set the howitzer in place during a field training exercise at Landing Zone Eagle on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, April 20.



Marines from 1/12 practice dry-fire runs on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, during field-training exercises, that prepare them for possible combat situations.

Sgt. Michael J. Davoren, ammunition team chief, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, writes coordinates during a field-training exercise at Landing Zone Eagle, April 20.



Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Marines bring an M198 Medium-Towed Howitzer to use in training exercises at Landing Zone Eagle, April 20, on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

A ‘way’ to remember Hawaii Sailor honored in Iraq

Sgt. Kristin S. Jochums
2nd Force Service Support Group

CAMP TAQADDAM, Iraq — As the service began, everyone bowed their heads and took a moment of silence to honor a comrade who gave his life Jan. 26 in the Global War on Terrorism.



HOUSE
A memorial and dedication service to celebrate the life of Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. House was held April 16.
“We gather here today to pay our respects to [HM3] John Daniel House,” began Navy Lt. Stephen J. Zachary, the chaplain for Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 and Yuma, Ariz. native. “He was a husband to one, a patriot to some and a friend to many, and a Sailor who lived as a Marine.”
House, a hospital corpsman, joined the Navy December 1998. After completing recruit training he was assigned to the Field Medical Service School at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he learned to work alongside Marines.
“The Marines were important and signifi-

cant to John, and he stayed by their side, and they all admired him; the admiration was mutual,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Sandra Mitts, a hospital corpsman with MWSS-371 and St. Charles, Mo. native.

From there, he served in Okinawa, Japan; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii. While serving in Hawaii, House augmented 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, MCB Hawaii, and deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

House, a Ventura, Calif. native, was conducting security and stabilization operations near Ar Rutbah when the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter carrying him and 30 Marines crashed, killing all the servicemembers aboard.

“He definitely was an individual who loved his family, friends and play time, but when it was time to work, he got the job done,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Peter J. Delmolino, a pharmacy technician with MWSS-371 and Housatonic, Calif. native.

To show their love and respect, the Marines and Sailors of MWSS-371 dedicated a road after “Doc” House, so his memory will live on.

“The street naming was important to me. It makes his name and his sacrifice to his country known,” said Mitts. “He will be memorialized in history, and each day when someone drives down Doc House Way right here in Iraq, they will know and remember him.”



Sgt. Kristin S. Jochums
Petty Officer 2nd Class Peter J. Delmolino (left) and Petty Officer 3rd Class Sandra Mitts, both with Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, of Yuma, Ariz., stand with the road sign dedicated to Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. House, during a memorial service, April 16, at Camp Taqaddam, Iraq.

“I wanted to do something to bring closure, while honoring him, and let everyone know that just because time passes doesn’t mean that we will ever forget him or what he gave for all of us,” she continued. “I wanted to tell the story of his life and his death.
“When someone asks, ‘What is Doc House

Way?” The story will be told of a young man who sacrificed his life for freedom,” said Mitts.
House was known by his peers as a devoted husband, an able Sailor, loyal to the Corps and a faithful friend. Mitts said, although House is missing from the ranks today, he will never be forgotten.

DUIs are career killers

*(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the **Hawaii Marine** newspaper.)*

- April 23, Lance Cpl. Devaill T. McCoy, of CSSG-3. Driving under the influence, pending a blood alcohol content test.
- April 23, Lance Cpl. Christopher A. Miller of MCAF. DUI after refusing a BAC test.

PACE: President Bush has confidence in abilities

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Afghanistan and Iraq and liberated more than 50 million people,” Bush said. “By removing the Taliban and Saddam Hussein, we have made America safer and put a troubled region on the path to freedom and peace.”

The president said that he is confident the work Myers set in motion at the Pentagon will continue under Pace.

Myers, who earned his commission from Kansas State University in 1965, has served in uniform for 40 years. A fighter pilot, he has flown more than 4,100 hours, including more than 600 hours in combat during the Vietnam



War.

Pace was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and raised in Teaneck, N.J. A 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he began his military career as a platoon leader in Vietnam at the Battle of Hue City in 1968. He has commanded at every level in the Marine Corps and with joint forces. Bush said Pace’s commitment to troops has been central to his success at every level.

Bush noted that under the glass on Pace’s desk, the general keeps a photo of Lance Cpl. Guido Farinaro, the first Marine Pace lost in combat during Vietnam.

Before becoming vice chairman, Pace served as the commander of U.S. Southern Command. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1992

and served in the United States, Somalia and Japan before becoming the director for operations on the Joint Staff in 1996.

During his remarks, Bush also lauded Giambastiani.

“He has been leading the effort to bring reform to the NATO military so our alliance is prepared for the threats of tomorrow,” Bush said.

He thanked Pace and Giambastiani for their willingness to take on these new assignments.

“We still face ruthless adversaries who wish to attack our country,” Bush said. “But with the leadership of men like these, the outcome of this struggle is assured: America will defeat freedom’s enemies and ensure the security of our country for generations to come.”

THIESSEN, From A-1

trying to accomplish.

“Marines and Sailors at Kaneohe Bay do a wonderful job,” said Thiessen. “They’ve brought a lot of confidence in the CH-53Ds — especially during their deployments during peace and wartime.”

According to Thiessen, it matters little where Marines and Sailors are, physically, in the fight. They all contribute one way or another.

“I disagree with context of having to be in Iraq to be in the fight,” said the CG. “We’re all in the fight and will stay in the fight until it’s all over.”



Photo Courtesy of The Boeing Company
Military historian Victor Davis Hanson leads an Operation Homecoming writing workshop at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in February.

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Curry, contributing editor for *The Veteran*, spoke to attendees about feelings and how to transfer feelings into the writings.

“If you put your feelings down on paper, it can turn into something very creative,” said Curry, a West Virginia native. “Most poems are created by peoples’ feelings.”

During the workshop, Curry explained the importance of writing, understanding what people write about, and why they write.

“One thing I’ll do is give them five minutes to write a short story or poem,” said Curry. “When they’re finished, they then read them out loud, and we discuss what was meant and what the writer was thinking while he or she was writing it.”

Those participating in the program who intend to submit their writings for possible inclusion into Operation Homecoming’s anthology can submit their pieces by mail,

fax or e-mail, but they must be postmarked or received by May 31.

The works to be selected for publication will be judged on literary excellence, historical importance, and the desire to present a diversity of genres, according to NEA officials. The anthology will include features, poems, letters, personal narratives, journal writing, stories and other literary forms.

All military personnel, reservists, National Guard members and coalition authority members who served after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to submit their writings for consideration in the final publication, said Curry.

The completed anthology of wartime writing will be sold in bookstores and will be distributed free by the Arts Endowment to military installations, schools and libraries.

For more information, contact Monica Glockner, NEA Fellow for Operation Homecoming at (202) 682-5007 or log on to www.operationhomecoming.org.

Headquarters Battalion deploys Marines forward

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Press Chief

Marines from Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, are no exception to the rule when it comes to the trend of sending Marines from nondeployable units to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

“Last year we sent 36 Marines overseas,” said 1st Sgt. John T. Waddell, company first sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters Battalion. “We also currently have 24 Marines deployed from the battalion.”



Lance Cpl. Miguel A. Carrasco Jr.

Sgt. Robert C. Barham, a military working dog handler from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, along with his dog, conduct detailed searches for weapons caches in Fallujah. Barham, 25, a native of Jackson, Miss., and his dog were in the city in support of OIF.

The Marines are performing mostly the same jobs overseas as they performed at K-Bay. Some of the jobs that they are doing include administration, K-9 handling and postal service, to name a few.

“Although we get repeated requests for certain billets,” said Waddell, “the Marines are supporting the operation overseas in a wide variety of fashions that sometimes fall outside of their primary military occupational specialty.

“We are supporting the fight to the best of our ability. When we receive a tasker for Marines, we get them out there.”

Although the individual sections are the ones most impacted by the deployments, according to Waddell, many of the Marines are eager to go to Iraq and Afghanistan to be a part of history.

“I want to go back,” admitted Sgt. Phillip J. Graham, Battalion Substance Abuse Counseling Office, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, who just returned from an eight-month deployment to Camp Fallujah, Iraq. “I would like to be a part of the rebuilding of the country.”

According to Waddell, most of the Marines who are sent overseas are more than willing to go, which reflects the character of the Marines.

“We have a lot of hard workers in the battalion,” said Waddell. “When we send them overseas, we are confident they will do good things out there — just as they have at K-Bay. The fact that they are anxious to go is a really positive thing.”

According to Waddell, since the Marines have been deploying, he has received a lot of feedback about how the Marines feel once they return from OIF and OEF, and most of the comments about deploying are favorable.

“They come back with a sense of accomplishment,” he said. “They know they contributed to a good cause, and they find it rewarding.”

Graham, a Charlotte, N.C. native, has been overseas twice — once with the battalion and once prior to that, while he was an amtraker stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

“I really enjoyed the second deployment because I got to be a part of history,” explained the 26-year-old, who was a part of information operations assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. “We took over the city of Fallujah and got to be there during Iraq’s very first elections. It is something I can tell the kids about.”



Gunnery Sgt. Claudia LaMantia

Gabrielle Fritz and her mother, Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia E. Fritz, get reacquainted after her return from Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Monday. The Anaheim, Calif. native left for Iraq last September and spent her combat tour as the exchange staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge at Camp Taqaddam. Fritz deployed as an individual augment from Headquarters Battalion to support the Global War on Terrorism.

According to Graham, the biggest misconception about Iraq is its citizens. He said a lot of people perceive them all to be bad, but the truth is that there are a lot of good individuals who live there.

“They go out of their way to help you, once they know you,” he said. “Their culture is very interesting, and I really enjoyed learning about it and meeting Iraqis during my time out there.”

Waddell said he was impressed with the battalion and with the Marines, not only while they are deployed and once they get back, but by the way they keep themselves prepared for immediate deployment.

“Personal readiness, as well as unit readiness, is a big factor for Headquarters Battalion,” he said. “When we get the word that they need Marines, it can be a matter of days before that Marine is on the plane en route to the fight. We have been successful in the past with physical and mental readiness and that makes a big

difference.”

According to Waddell, the future of Marines deploying from the battalion as well as other non-deployable units, probably won’t differ much from past contributions to OIF and OEF.

“As long as there are Marines overseas,” he began, “we will continue to support the operations and send Marines out.”



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Marines from Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, board a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter, motivated for fast roping in October 2004 to stay ready for deployment — both mentally and physically.

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“We will not tire, We will not falter, We will not fail.” — President George W. Bush, October 26, 2001

ANZAC honors Gallipoli battle anniversary

Pfc. R. Drew Hendricks

Marine Forces Pacific

HONOLULU, Hawaii — The white marble staircase gleamed in the brightness of the sun and the world within the National War Memorial of the Pacific stood still in somber silence during 90th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli.

The ceremony was in honor of the bravery and spirit the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps demonstrated at the Battle of Gallipoli.

The ANZACs landed, at what is now known as ANZAC cove, April 25, 1915. The landing was marked as a failure, resulting in heavy casualties for both Australia and New Zealand. Even though the landing was considered a disaster, it is the first modern amphibious assault and a textbook example of such assaults, studied by Marine and Navy officers at the Naval War College.

It was the first real show of Australian and New Zealand bravery.

“The men fought hard and long against immeasurable odds and came out with horrendous casualty rates. Even so, their bravery has

never been disputed,” according to Lieutenant Col. “Mick” Lehmann, defense attaché for the Australian Consul-General, Hawaii.

“Today the holiday not only celebrates the brave that perished on the beaches of Gallipoli but all the war dead of Australia and New Zealand,” said Lehmann.

Marines from all over Hawaii have been helping the Australian and New Zealand military members in Hawaii celebrate one of their most important holidays, ANZAC day, since 1973. This year marks the 33rd year the Marines have participated in the ceremony.

The ceremony kicked off with the marching on of the honor guard followed by the traditional presentation of the colors.

While the Marines stood reverently over the proceedings, speeches were given to honor those who fell, including lines from “For the Fallen,” a traditional poem read on ANZAC day, along with a few words from the Australian Consul-General and a number of other distinguished guests.

“I don’t know if the Marines know how much this means to us. They have been doing it for years and every year is just as special,” said Lehmann.

This year was exceptionally special for one Marine, Sgt. Steven L. Daniels, pass house non-commissioned officer-in-charge, Camp Smith Provost Marshal’s office.

Daniels was given the honor of presenting a wreath in memory of his late grandfather, Mehau Phillips, who fought at the battle of Gallipoli and past away in 1983.

Daniels lived in Australia his entire life until the age of 24 when he flew to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., to become a Marine.

Since Hawaii Marines have a history of commemorating ANZAC day with their friends from Australia and New Zealand, it seemed only fitting that Daniels be given the chance to participate, according to Lehmann.

There were 32 wreaths laid in honor of the ANZACs. Military and civilian leaders presented wreaths, including Adm. William J. Fallon, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Brig. Gen. George Trautman III, deputy commander, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, and the Honorable Linda Lingle, governor of Hawaii.

Daniels laid the last wreath before a lone bugler played “The Last Post” in memory of those who died in the service of both countries.

The Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, also conducted a 21-gun salute.

“It meant a lot to me to be able to participate in this,” said Daniels.

“I always watched the ceremonies from the side when I was little, but this is the first time I was able to be a part of it.”

It means a lot that the Marines help put this on every year with the similarities that the services share, according to Lehmann.

The battle of Gallipoli is considered the first modern amphibious assault, which makes it only fitting for the Marine Corps to provide support, said Lehmann.

“We have a tremendous respect for the way Marines think and, more importantly, the way Marines act.”

Lehmann went on to say that Marines have a can-do attitude which is why we have had such great success working together throughout history and continuing on today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“There seems to be a good connection between the Marines and the Australian Army,” said Daniels, as he looked at his grandfather’s wreath and smiled, “that makes it appropriate for us to do this.”

Australian native remembers heritage

Pfc. R. Drew Hendricks

Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — A person usually joins the Marines to fight for the rights and freedoms of his homeland and serves to ensure that the way of life that he has become accustomed to is preserved.

Sgt. Steven L. Daniels is the pass house vehicle registration non-commissioned officer-in-charge at the Camp Smith Provost Marshal’s office and a native of Sydney, Australia. While still living in Australia, Daniels decided to serve in an armed service away from his homeland — he wanted to join the U.S. military.

It wasn’t until he was 24 that he was finally able to join.

Though the Marine Corps was the first branch he called, he had contacted all the branches of service.

“I didn’t just join the Marines for the sole purpose of being a Marine, I just wanted to be in the military. When I called all the services, I told them whoever gets back to me first, that’s the one I’m going to join,” said Daniels.

October 5, 1998, he stepped onto the famed “yellow footprints.”

“It was a complete culture shock. While most recruits were trying to adjust to their drill instructors, I was trying to adjust to Americans,” said Daniels. “I’m happy where I ended up.”

With family far away and nothing but new surroundings in front of him, Daniels had to adjust quickly.

“I like America, I love the cultural diversity, but at the same time, everyone moves too fast,” Daniels said smiling, “Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy it here, I just miss home sometimes.”

This year Daniels was given the chance to bring a little bit of home to Hawaii.

Daniels presented a wreath at the Australian New Zealand Army Corps Memorial Day ceremony, Monday, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in memory of his late grandfather Mehau Phillips, who fought in the famed battle of Gallipoli 90 years ago. He passed away in 1983.

“I am extremely excited this chance to participate in the ANZAC day ceremony, not many Americans understand how significant this is to Australians,” exclaimed Daniels.

“For years I have been celebrating ANZAC day with friends and family back

home. I heard about what the Marines did for ANZAC day last year after it was too late, so I missed the chance to be a part of last year’s ceremony.”

This year, however, Daniels refused to miss it.

“It means a lot to be able to do this,” said Daniels

“In Australia, everyone in the military is looked at with such reverence.”

“As a kid I always watched people lay wreaths in honor of those who fought at Gallipoli, and now I get to do it. It’s an amazing honor.”

“Even though I have my family here, I miss home. This was a great way to bring home a little bit closer.”



Pfc. R. Drew Hendricks

Sgt. Steven L. Daniels, a military policeman at the Camp Smith Provost Marshal’s Office, takes a break from working at the pass house. Daniels, a Sydney, Australia native, came to the U.S. at the age of 24 to join the Marine Corps.

Did You Know?

On this day in ...

1913 — Gideon Sundback patented an all-purpose zipper.

1945 — The Nazi death camp, Dachau, was liberated.

1952 — IBM President Thomas J. Watson, Jr., informed his company’s stockholders that IBM was building "the most advanced, most flexible high-speed computer in the world." It was unveiled April 7, 1953, as the IBM 701 Electronic Data Processing Machine.

1990 — The destruction of the Berlin Wall began.

1998 — The U.S., Canada and Mexico end tariffs on \$1 billion in NAFTA trade.

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